LPG distributorship. Accordingly, as on 1.10.1996, 196 LPG distributorship were in operation in Kerala including 15 in Distt. Kottayam. In addition, 5 LPG distributorships have been included in the new draft Marketing Plan for Kottayam district.

Setting up of a Power Plant at IB Valley in Orissa

1404. SHRI RAHASBIHARI BARIK: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether there was a proposal to set up a power plant at Ib valley in Orissa by an American company;

(b) if so, the details of the original proposal on which agreement was made between the Orissa Government and the company;

(c) whether the company has not been allowed to set up the plant; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (DR. S. VENUGOPALACHARI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was signed by the Government of Orissa with M/s AES Transpower Corporation of USA on 9.12.1992 for execution of Unit 3 & 4 of Ib Valley TPS (2×210 MW). Subsequently, a Power Purchase Agreement (PPA) was signed on 9.5.1993 between Orissa State Electricity Board and the company. The PPA was subsequently amended and a revised PPA was signed on 5.1.1995.

(c) and (d) Presently, the Government of Orissa is re-negotiating the PPA with the Company.

CSS Cadre Assistants

1405. SHRI JANARDHAN YADAV: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the total sanctioned posts of Assistants of CSS cadre in various Ministries/Departments;

(b) the cadre-wise number of direct recruits and seniority quota Assistants in various cadre units, as on the 1st July, 1996;

(c) whether the remaining posts were/are being manned by promoting UDCs as Assistants on ad-hoc basis; and

(d) if so, the cadre-wise number of ad-hoc Assistants, as on the 1st July, 1996 in various cadre units of DP&T?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI S.R. BALASUBRAMONIYAN): (a) 4871 as on 1.7.1995.

(b) to (d) The Assistants' Grade is decentralised into 33 cadres, each of which consists of one or more Ministries/Departments/Attached Offices. Appointments/promotions to the grade are made by the concerned cadres themselves. Therefore, the cadre-wise information regarding number of Assistants appointed by direct recruitment, promotion and on ad-hoc basis, as on 1.7.1996, is not readily available. However, the requisite information as on 1.7.1995 is given in the Statement (*see* below). Ad-hoc promotions in the Assistants' Grade from amongst eligible UDCs are allowed as a stop-gap arrangements, pending availability of regular appointees.

Statement

S. No.	Cadre	No. of Assistants		
		Direct Recruits	Seniority Quota	Ad-hoc
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)
1.	Agriculture & Cooperation	23	71	59
2.	Civil Aviation	24	64	20
3.	Company Affairs	7	18	2
4.	Commerce	26	30	46
5.	Coal	6	12	5
6.	Civil Supplies	3	10	12
7.	Defence	63	164	17
8.	Education	56	116	127
9.	Environment	12	33	11
10.	Food	17	49	24
11.	Finance	104	282	56
12.	Fertilizers	5	31	16
13.	Home Affairs	136	384	102
14.	Health & Family Welfare	35	101	56
15.	Information & Broadcasting	78	148	62
16.	Industrial Development	38	73	46
17.	Law	10	27	10
18.	Labour	41	66	30
19.	Mines	6	21	10
20.	Planning Commission	7	27	12
21.	Petroleum & Natural Gas	7	18	11
22.	Power	26	58	16
23.	Posts	16	35	48
24.	Rural Development	17	34	20
25.	Steel	7	23	3
26.	Science & Technology	10	27	17
27.	Surface Transport	24	49	26
28.	Supply	55	108	54
29.	Telecom	32	52	52
30.	Urban Development	73	71	123
31.	U.P.S.C.	57	157	48
32.	Welfare	19	17	22
33.	Water Resources	19	46	30
	TOTAL	1059	2422	1191

PPA of Bhadravati TPS

1406. DR. JAGANNATH MISHRA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have since examined the draft PPA received in respect of Bhadravati TPS;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether Counter Guarantee for the said project has since been given and if